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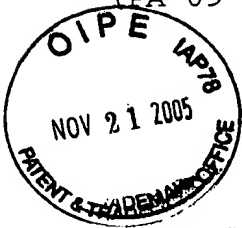
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth R. Owens, et al.
Serial No.: 09/692,884
Filing Date: October 20, 2000
Examiner: Jason E. Mattis
Group Art Unit: 2665
Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN MPLS DATA
NETWORK PROTECTION PATHWAY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 10, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections to the claims and the objections to the Application.

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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed November 10, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed July 19, 2005 and November 10, 2005 finally rejecting Claims 1-24.

This application is filed on behalf of a large entity.

Attached herewith is a check made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" in an amount of \$500.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal. Attached herewith is a Notification of Extension of Time with check in support thereof.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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